

At age 45 Mother's busy-bee spirit took over in the new realm of higher education. Her girlhood shorthand resurfaced as she recorded every utterance by her professors, including coughs and sneezes. Her voluminous transcribed notes

were much sought after by absentee students.

1929, Buenos Aires - They just say, Dottie's lucky. Well, maybe it is luck to study Spanish everyday and to work overtime every chance I get to show them that I want to make good.

Mother graduated with a degree in languages at the same time her twin daughters graduated, from another university. The difference was that Mother graduated, "Cum Laude". She continued on to earn a Masters in languages, then was felled from her education path by a heart attack as she began doctorate study. Mother jumped back up, literally and figuratively, and fulfilled her dream of holding a professional job outside the home as a high school language teacher in her last ten years. Mother laughed at death. "Cowards die many times before theft death," she'd

quote to a fearful daughter. "The valiant taste of death but once."

June 8, 1930, Buenos Aires - Don't tell Mother but I have been having a pain in my side and went to the doctor and had an x-ray taken and I have fallen intestines. But as usual I have been very lucky as he has been giving me three electrical massages a week and I pay for my treatments by giving him English lessons as he is a German doctor. The lessons are very interesting as we go to the swellest tea room in town and all I have to do is to talk to him and correct him when he says something wrong. He is a well-known German surgeon here and is opening a sanatorium shortly. I feel much better now but am getting horribly fat as he is making me take half a pint of thick, thick cream and a quarter of pound of butter every day. There's nothing to worry about as I'm getting along fine now. The only thing is I'm supposed to get all the exercise I can but we work till so late and I'm so tired after the three lessons a week that I don't feel like moving around.